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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims are amended as follows.

1. (Six Times Amended) A carbonaceous active material comprising:
at least one crystalline graphite core; and
an amorphous graphitizable carbon shell coating the outside of the crystalline graphite core wherein a differential thermal analysis conducted on the carbonaceous active material in 10°C increments per minute starting from room temperature and proceeding to 1000°C at atmospheric pressure results in the displaying of at least two exothermic peaks overlapping to form shoulders, and
~~the amorphous graphitizable carbon shell coating is derived from an amorphous carbon precursor selected from the group consisting of coal pitch, petroleum pitch, coal-based oil, and heavy oil wherein the carbonaceous active material is prepared by a~~
process comprising:
dissolving amorphous carbon in an organic solvent to produce a solution;
mixing crystalline graphite particles with the solution;
refluxing the mixture;
filtering the mixture to obtain a powder; and
heat treating the powder at approximately 1000°C to obtain the active
material.

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